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1. "The opening of the Bhakra canals in the East Punjab by India has exacerbated the dispute between India and Pakistan over the canal waters of the Indus basin. The release of waters into the Bhakra canals, which form the longest single unit of lined canals in the world, marks the completion of the first phase of the Bhakra-Nagpal Project and will usher in a new era of prosperity in India's three north-western states Punjab, PEPSU and Rajasthan. The Bhakra-Nagpal is the most ambitious multi-purpose river valley project undertaken in India, involving the construction of the world's second highest dam [680 feet high] at Bhakra on the Sutlej River. Work on the main dam at Bhakra will start this winter and when the project is fully completed in 1959, it will besides irrigating vast areas of arid lands, generate 400 thousand KW.
2. "Pakistan has vigorously objected to the opening of the Bhakra canals as she fears that the diversion of waters from the common rivers by India will hit hard the food producing areas of West Punjab and Bahawalpur. Negotiations about the utilization of Indus Valley waters under the auspices of the World Bank have been stalled but are likely to be resumed."

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